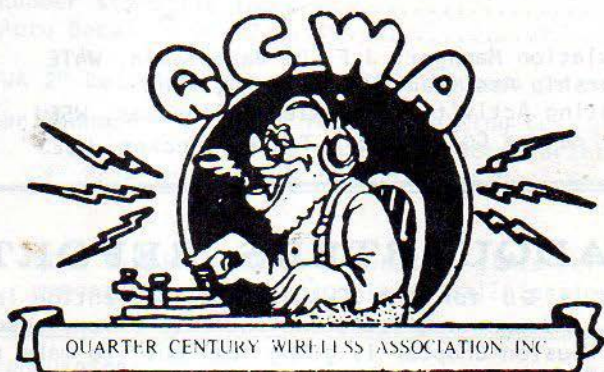


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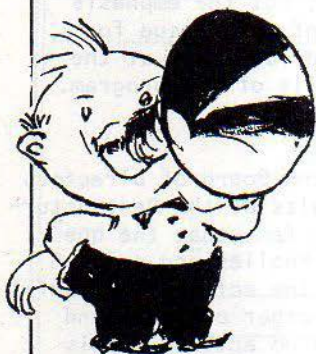
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NATIONAL CONVENTION
QCWA

HOUSTON, TEXAS
October 8-10



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HEADQUARTERS REPORT

Everything is GO for the QCWA National Convention in Houston October 8-10. Advance registrations indicate a very good attendance and the Houston Chapter is going "all out" to make this a really fun-filled and memorable week-end.

The Rodeo particularly appeals to the Yankee tenderfeet and there will be a "calf scramble" between our old timers and the Texas Aggies to see who will be first to put a Bra on a calf! There are a number of interesting tours available to all and an extensive program has been planned for the ladies. There will be a brief business meeting Saturday morning, but the emphasis is on a "fun" convention. See page 3 and 4 of this issue for more details and reservation applications and look back at the March and June issues (page 7) for more details of the program.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was held on June 9 in Washington, D.C. Results of the Restructuring Committee were reviewed. In view of the fact that the questionnaire in the March News brought only 59 replies and only 45 favoring "restructuring," (less than 1% of the active membership) the Committee, in consultation with the two other officers and directors present, unanimously voted to take no action in this matter at this time. The activities of the Restructuring Committee were, therefore, closed out. (Continued on Page 6.)



QCWA National Convention

October 8-9-10
HOUSTON, TEXAS

QCWA Registration

Friday October 8

Noon - 8:00 p.m. - Registration

7:30 p.m. Reception. Cash Bar
Welcome and Introductions

8:00 p.m. Annals of Houston Chapter

9:00 p.m. Comedy Movie

9:30 p.m. Spark Xmtr. Demo. W4ZM



Saturday October 9

9:00 a.m. QCWA Business Meeting

1:00 p.m. Tour of NASA
Tour of Astrodome

9:30 - 12:00 Gals Tour
to The Galleria



Saturday Night

6:00 p.m. Transportation to Rodeo
Barbeque Banquet
Rodeo. Calf Scramble
Round and Square Dancing



Sunday October 10

9:00 a.m. QCWA Buffet Breakfast
Prize Drawings & Awards.

REGISTRATION

QCWA National Convention

Houston Chapter QCWA
9258 Theysen
Houston, TX 77055

Hey, Gang! Count me in! I want to go Western at the QCWA National Convention in Houston, October 8-9-10, 1976.

Please register the following members of my family at \$20.00 for the first member and \$16 for each additional member.

1. _____ Call _____ \$20.00
2. _____ Call _____ \$ _____
3. _____ Call _____ \$ _____
4. _____ Call _____ \$ _____

Total remittance \$ _____

Signed _____ Call _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Headquarters will be the Allen Park Inn, 2121 Allen Parkway, Houston. Make your room reservations directly to the Inn. Rates are only \$14 single, \$17 double in the court and \$15 and \$18 in the main building. Recreational vehicles are welcomed but hook-ups are not expected to be available in time. There is no charge for RV parking if a room is taken. There is a \$5.00 charge otherwise. Space with hook-ups may be arranged nearby.

Bus transportation will be available from the Allen Park Inn to all activities. There will be a free bus to the Rodeo/Banquet.



Allen Park Inn

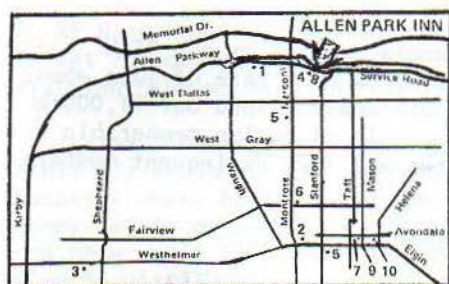
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713-521-9321

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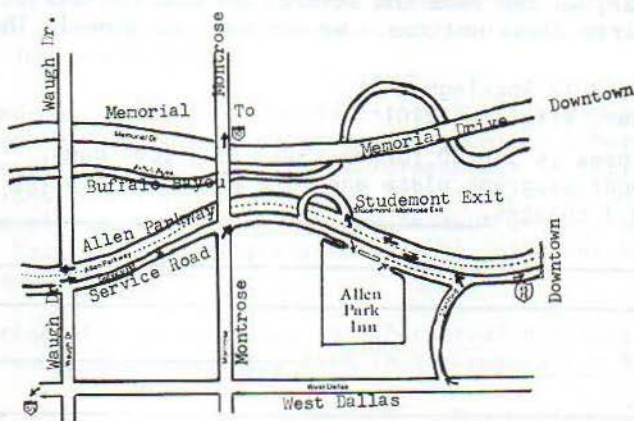
Here are some maps to help you find your way to the Convention. If you are driving, may we suggest that you arrive in Houston after 9:00 a.m. and before 3:30 p.m. - or after 6:15 p.m. Houston's traffic is just like everybody else's - except we may have more!

Those arriving by Air should take the Airport Limo to the Down Town Airport Terminal and call the Allen Park Inn for free transportation to the Inn. Phone 521-9321



Talk in frequencies: 34/94 Rpt
146.52 and 146.55 Simplex
And 3900 kHz

Registration includes the full three days meetings, the Rodeo, Barbeque dinner, dance, etc., and transportation thereto.



HEADQUARTERS REPORT CONTINUED

A petition for Amendment of Article VI, Section 1, was received and referred to the full Board for study. The next meeting of the Board will be held just prior to the convention in Houston. The Executive Secretary asked to be relieved of the burdens involved with her job and the Executive Committee agreed to search for a replacement.

NEW CHAPTER

We have just welcomed East Georgia Chapter as our 95th Chapter. Memberships continue to grow at a rate of just about 100 new members per month and we will have issued our 11,000th membership by the 1st of September. Total active membership is now about 7550 - after deducting all 1975 delinquent members and Silent Keys.

DEADLINES

Deadline for copy for the News is the 10th of the month preceding publication. Copy for the next issue will be due November 10. Contributions from chapters or individuals are always welcome. And let us know what we can do to make the News more interesting to you.

Ethel, K4LMB

1977 - 1979 DUES

For those whose dues expire at the end of this year, a note has been placed on the front cover of the magazine, giving advance notice of dues expiration. A dues payment form is provided below. If you will pay your dues before the end of the year, we can save the several hundred dollars it costs to send first class notices. We can use the money! Thanks.

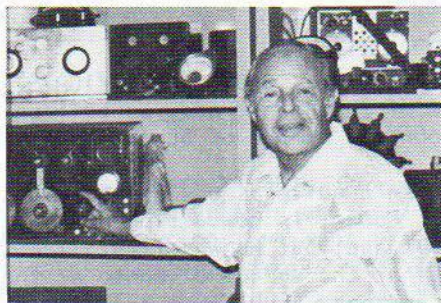
QCWA, 2012 Rockingham St
McLean, Virginia 22101

Enclosed is \$10.00 for my 1977 - 1979 QCWA dues.
My Addressograph plate and 1976 Directory listing require
(NO) changes.

Name Call #

Address Zip

QSO PARTY WINNERS



Winner of the 1976 QSO Party was QCWA Director Clarence Seid, W2KW/KV4AB. Clarence will receive his plaque at the National QCWA Convention in Houston in October.

Scores of the top ten stations have been provided by Gator Chapter as follows:

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NUMBER QSOs</u>	<u>NUMBER CHAPTERS</u>	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>
KV4AB	348	68	52,768
W3IN	476	77	47,971
W5BE	437	74	40,996
W6FQ	413	76	40,584
K6FE	385	71	37,062
W6UA	330	73	29,711
W4AMJ	279	69	25,668
W4WKQ	279	66	24,288
W9IB	285	66	24,024
K9CLO	281	66	23,826

Inevitably a few errors crept in to the general report which appeared in the June News. Please make the following corrections.

Incorrectly Reported

W8QON 7,160
W8TPC 7,245
W5CJZ omitted
W7SFE 7,708

Should have been

W8QON 12,685
W8TPC 7,350
W5CJZ 7,245
W7FSE 7,708

Gator Chapter extends abject apologies to the stations who were incorrectly shown.

QCWA Nets

A very fine QCWA net is conducted every Sunday at 2100 UTC on 14,345 kHz. W6FQ is Western Net Control, W2SF is Eastern NCS. The net usually runs about two hours and they have been having around 50 check-ins.

A CW net operates on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on 7035 kHz. At 9:00 p.m. it shifts to 3750 kHz. W2JBL is NCS with W9CV and W9RC acting as Alternates.

If you aren't checking into these nets, you are missing a lot of fine fellowship.

YOUNGEST MEMBER OF QCWA ?

By K4LMB



Robert Clute, WN9ONA

Bobbie Clute, W9ONA (QCWA #10975) is one of the newest and, we believe, the youngest member of QCWA.

It isn't quite as bad as you might guess! Robert is now a ripe old 33 years of age; but he was first licensed in 1951 at the age of 8 (photo at the left) and has, thus, just become fully qualified for membership in QCWA.

Robert is the step-son of Laddie Smach, W9CYD, QCWA Life Member #613. It was Laddie who started writing code messages which he carried in his lunch pail. As he came down the street on the way home from work, Bobby would grab for the lunch pail to retrieve the messages. He would then decipher the dots and dashes and answer them in code. Mrs. Smach would wrap Bobbies messages with Laddies lunch. When Bobbie took his Novice license, he was handling better than 10 words per minute code.

Sister Nancy, at 5½, had aspirations of following in her brother's footsteps, but somehow Nancy got side-tracked with dolls - and later non-ham boys!

A recent review of QCWA memberships shows that the average age of applicants is 60 years and 30% are over 65. Only 8% are under 45. It is obvious that we need an aggressive campaign to bring in more of the younger people who are qualified for QCWA. Let's see if anyone will challenge Robert Clute for the title of Youngest Member of QCWA.

SEARCH FOR AMELIA EARHART

After the Amelia Earhart aircraft disappeared in 1937, there were a number of Amateur Radio operators who reported receiving messages from the plane, according to Frederick Goerner of San Francisco. Mr. Goerner is now making a research of the subject and would like to hear from any QCWA member who might shed further light on this case.

"A number of years of research have convinced me that the Amateur operators did, indeed, receive the signals they said they did," he writes. If you have any information that might help him, write Frederick Allan Goerner; 24 Presidio Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94118

RADIO EXPO '76

SEPTEMBER
18-19

QC Wireless Brunch

Back Again by Nostalgia Demand!
The Pioneers of Amateur Radio of
Illinois, Wisconsin (& Indiana!)
invite you to Wireless BRUNCH at
the HOLIDAY INN, Routes 45 & 83
Mundelein IL on SATURDAY

September 18, 1976
(11:30 AM)

under the banner of the
QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS
ASSOCIATION

Chapters of Illinois and
Wisconsin

with the co-operation of the Old
Old Timers Club and groups in the
Mid-West Region.

This Super-bicentennial radio event
cordially invites YFs, YLs, XYLs Ms
and their OMs & friends to luncheon
and a special program by W2GHK/4 re
"The History of 2-Way Radio" with
slides & narration by "Stu" Meyer.

Send your reservation check to W9IPO
Now. In the event you can't be there
on Sept. 18th, cancellation is allowed
if you do so before September 10.

Fee: \$11 per couple - Single \$6 each.

Ed Webb, W9IPO (Mail to)
812 No. Dearborn Street
Chicago Illinois 60610.

Enclosed is Check for \$ _____
which covers _____ Reservations
to the QCWA Regional Brunch on
Saturday, September 18, 1976 at the Mundelein Holiday Inn.

Name (for ID) _____ Call _____ (Check to QCWA Brunch)

The Old Old Timers
Brunch



THE OLD TIMERS' CORNER

By W5EJ

JUST A FEW YEARS MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE -- the following items are from QCWA newsletters dated as shown for each item....today go visit that old friend.....the years pass by so rapidly and if you wait until you really have time.....it's too late!

February, 1960 - John Di Blasi editing (W2FX)..The fall dinner meeting was held Friday night, October 30, at the Hotel Shelburne. 135 members and guests attended. Officers elected were as follows: President, John Di Blasi, W2FX; VP, Earl Thomas, W2MM; Treasurer, Fred W. Huff, W2AMB; Ex. Secty, Ralph Barber, W2ZM; Rec. Sec., was Charles Bouteiller, W2AZS....Frank, W2FZ still puts in time at Terminal Radio and the Bronx Radio Club still meets at his home as it has since the 1920's.....Ed Trombley, W8CAM reports that the newly formed Michigan Chapter will have its first meeting in Saginaw at the Saginaw Valley Radio Association's Ham Convention.....Dr. Larry Dunn, W2CLA, reported loss of 16000 dollars worth of cash, jewelry and furs, in a nighttime burglary carried out while Larry and his wife were asleep upstairs...

May, 1961 - Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM editing....Frank Gunther, W2ALS has been elevated to the Presidency of REL. Harry Tummonds, W8BAH does a ham column for the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Charles Emigh, W7ER was given a Certificate of Merit for long service to the N. W. Chapter. Henry Dickow, former publisher of "Radio" and now AC9GH, addressed the Northern California Chapter in Chinese. Herb, W6ZPX winner with 137 contacts in the 1961 QSO Party. Bob Waters, W1PRI and Alan Briggs, W3ZP, with wives, made a flying trip to the Caribbean. W3CDQ, "Emzie" underwent a gall bladder operation.

May, 1962 - Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM editing...Ed Zimmerman, W4FNQ won the 5th annual (1962) QSO Party with 186 contacts with other QCWA members. QCWA is setting up the "Golden Anniversary Celebration of Amateur Radio Licensing" in cooperation with ARRL & others with a Banquet scheduled for October 13, 1962 at the Hotel Statler-Hilton in NYC. This was the fore-runner of the 50-year Certificate. The Boston-Providence Chapter spring dinner was held April 14th, at the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel, in Providence, with 34 members and 8 XYL's and other guests present. The Dayton Chapter held a meeting in March and re-elected Chairman Jack Gray, W8JDV as Chairman. The Northwest Chapter elected officers, Pres. Stan Belliveau, W7AYO; Tom Runnells, W7LQ as Vice President, Don Geer, K7CNE as Secretary with his XYL K7IMJ doing most of the work. The Pittsburgh Chapter is notable for its silence! A transplanted easterner, now in southern California is Gus Girona, W2JE/6 recently returned from KZ5... Walt Kinney, W4GJ has long worked for a Florida Chapter.... the 1st one (Southeast Florida Chapter) has elected officers, as follows: Walt Kinney, W4GJ, Chairman; Richard M. Jones, W4BTM, Secretary.

THE OLD TIMERS' CORNER - Continued

1962 Continued - The Upper Midwest Chapter reported a January meeting featuring a visit at KSTP-TV studios, hosted by Fred Street. Officers of the Chapter are: Milt Anderson WØVSZ, Chairman; with Jim Paist, WØRBA, Secretary/Treasurer....Gene Harrison, W5LR, with others, has formed the West Gulf Chapter. J. E. Woffard, W5AFI has been named Secretary/Treasurer. A meeting is scheduled for August 4, 1962, at Corpus Christi....Walter Howell, W2II (formerly the RI for the 2nd district) has completed 4 years of retirement. He had been with Uncle Sam for 36 years. Don McClenon, W3EIS is operating as KCIAGI and is boss of a NASA tracking station near Quito, Ecuador.

37 years ago, nearly, the following bulleting was being passed in the Western New York area. I wonder if any of you Niagara Frontier members attended that one?

BUFFALO HAMFEST

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Under the Auspices of the Western New York Radio Council

April 6, 1940 - - Hotel Buffalo

PRESENTING

W8JK

JOHN KRAUS

Guest Speaker --- Giving an Illustrated Talk
and Demonstration on "ANTENNAS"

Registration is from 2 to 6 P. M. The Banquet begins promptly at 7 P. M. After the Speakers and Entertainment there will be Dancing in the Ballroom from 11.30 till 2.

Be sure to bring the YL and XYL

Many worthwhile Prizes
to be Given Away

Manufacturers' Exhibits and
U. H. F. Equipment on Display.
Various Contests.

WE EXTEND YOU A CORDIAL INVITATION TO ATTEND

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION

The ARRL National Convention in Denver was an outstanding success, according to all reports. And we can guarantee that Frank Frimerman, W2FS (Charter Member #19) had a good time! Frank won the grand prize of the convention - a complete DRAKE station.

Attendance of about 2500 is the highest ever for a League convention and there were 170 QCWA members, wives and friends at the QCWA Breakfast Saturday morning. A QCWA booth was manned throughout the convention and many new memberships were received. All available application blanks were passed out!

Thanks to Steve Schultz, WØCHJ, we have some fine pictures.



Stu Edmonds
WØGW

Lew McCoy
W1ICP

Don Meserve
WØHG

Stu was Master of Ceremonies at the QCWA Breakfast and Lew McCoy was featured speaker. He gave a most interesting talk about early days and the ARRL Museum. Don Meserve is QCWA National Secretary.

DX was out in force, as shown in the picture on the next page. This distinguished group included (L - R): W8SS, DJ1VC, W9HPG, DJ8MX and DL6YE. Phil Haller, W9HPG, acted as host.

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION - Continued



W8SS

DJ1VC

W9HPG

DJ8MX

BL6YE

Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM, won the door prize at the Breakfast. At last reports, he was still trying to show W2FS how to set up the "spark gap" on his new Drake station.

Famous DXer Don Wallace W6AM and his lovely YL Virginia as they were leaving the QCWA Breakfast.



Pete Shumacher, WØJYJ (L) and Paul Grauer, WØFIR, Midwest Div. Director.
September 1976

No wonder the QCWA booth was a success with this happy man at the table!

SILENT KEYS

It is our sad duty to report the following Silent Keys

W1CTX	Maxwell Cohen	W7FY	Art Thibodo
W1FPS	Raymond Flood	W7PY	Robert Wilson
W1WU	Frank England	W7RS	C.V. Fontaine
W2AWG	John Leonarc	K7YEX	Burt Collins
W2BI	Enoch Hoffman	W8BSR	L.F. Strobel
W4CPI	H.A. Voorhees	W8MNQ	Clif Richmond
K4DY (W2DF)	Louis Kipp	W9BKD	Ronald MacDonald
K4EQ (W2CB)	Wm. Kargoll	W9GGP	Charles Manning
W4FIQ (W2OUY)	Ken Aitken	W9IUF	Ralph Taraba
W4KBR	Charles Elder	W9WVL	George Fields
W4PBK	James Hardy	KP4ZK	Richard Schell
WN5ELS	James Wright	VE3VD	Drich Bartmann
W6FNK	Ed Hyskell	VE7AID	Percy Hetherington
W6RT	Arthur Smith		Fred Bull
W6TBQ	F. Ackerson	JH1VOE	Kojiro Nakamura
W6UGO	Elza Potts		

Somehow we did it again and listed some Silent Keys in error. Please note the following have NOT joined the ranks of SKs.

W6MTK	Charles Bethard	VE7II	Richard Lobb
W6DMQ	Eli Peters	Our most sincere apologies.	

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO WØQWH

Another Worldradio Scoop was on QCWA member Gerald Foster, WØQWH winning the Arthur B. Church Distinguished Service Award. The award was bestowed in recognition of his distinguished service rendered through the use of Amateur Radio communication during the 1974 hurricane "Fifi." The award also cited his long term service to the field officers and missionaries of the Reorganized Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints.



INTRUDER WATCH

By K6KA

Pressure is on to widen the activity of the Intruder Watch, in preparation for the WARC '79 Frequency Conference. We need more surveillance of the nonamateurs who are using our bands.

At the present time, some 80% of the reports in the USA come from retired or "handicapped" Amateurs, so we are looking to these groups for more volunteers. It does not require sophisticated equipment, but primarily a tune-through a band. It is necessary only to recognize which 5 kHz is being occupied by a broadcasting station. For other signals, the receiver should be calibrated to 1 kHz. As one goes farther into the procedures, the RTTY shifts used, and so on, much is learned of the probable identity of the stations.

Please try to encourage your members to pick up a share of this work. Ask them to write to THE INTRUDER WATCH, ARRL Newington, Conn 06111 for instructions and report forms.

Thanks for your help in this very important work which helps to protect our bands.

E. H. Conklin, K6KA

CHEROKEE INDIAN PROJECT

The Blue Ridge Chapter has adopted a Chapter project which we believe to be unique. The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian Tribe is probably one of the most advanced, if not the most advanced, tribe of all of the Indians in the U.S.A. They have a splendid Boys Club there. Fortunately, one of the teachers at the Cherokee school is a licensed Ham. He has agreed to teach a class on ham radio. He reported that there is a great deal of interest in the Boys Club as well as some of the older men in the tribe.

The teacher really doesn't have enough money to do the job properly. We in the Blue Ridge Chapter do have enough to help out. Thus our sponsorship. So far we have a good receiver as well as many components to give them when their school opens on August 23. We also want to give them the complete library package for their school library plus the "jazzy" new beginners kit.

Have you ever worked an Indian? I haven't, but it won't be long now!

Bob David, W4YK

CALL BOOKS NEEDED

We still need call books for the QCWA Headquarters library. Top priority right now is the Fall and Winter 1951 books and Summer 1952. Please let us know if you have a copy that you are willing to donate or to sell.

THANKS

Our sincere thanks to those who have sent us books recently:

R. Sheppard, W8CGG

Ivan Simpson, W6TET

Joe Fleming, W7YI - a xerox of his precious
1916 call book

Thanks to donations like these, we are building a very good callbook library which will be a real asset to QCWA and a big help to us in checking the eligibility of applicants for membership and the various awards. We now have at least one callbook for every year since 1922 and have hopes of filling out a complete collection. If you have any old books you are willing to part with, please drop us a note for a list of the ones we still need.



Newsletters are now being sent "Forwarding Postage guaranteed." Please advise us well in advance, if possible, of any change of address or arrange with the post office to hold your copies of the News. Especially consider the quarterly mailing dates of September, December, March and June. Here is a form for your convenience.

QCWA Headquarters
2012 Rockingham Street
McLean, Virginia 22101

Please note the following change of address effective _____.

New address will be _____

- ☐ This is a permanent change. ☐ I will be getting a change of call sign soon.
- ☐ This is a temporary change until _____

The old address was _____ Zip _____

- ☐ I do not expect to return. ☐ I will return to the exact same address next _____

Signed _____ Name _____ Call _____ QCWA # _____

AKRON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Rex Brown, W8LUT
647 E. Buchtel Avenue; Akron, OH 44304
Next Meeting: October 28, Youngs Restaurant

The Akron Chapter held a dinner-meeting on July 22nd. There were 32 in attendance. The program for the evening consisted of a slide show of Antique Radios - not only Amateur equipment but Broadcast Transmitters and Radio Receivers. The program was presented by the Chapter's past President, Sammy Carr, W8UGF. Many thanks, Sammy. The program was enjoyed by all.

We are sorry to announce that Howard Spiller, W8WXU became a Silent Key. Our condolences to YF Gladys and family.

Welcome aboard to our newest member, Paul Schweikert, W8KND. We were all happy to see Bob Robertson, W8FFH, who was visiting the Akron area from Florida.

The group voted unanimously to hold the October 28th 1976 and January 27, 1977 meetings at Youngs Restaurant

Rex Brown, W8LUT



July Dinner-meeting
Photos by Bob Vaughan W8KJZ



Interested YFs



May Meeting

AUSTIN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary W.E. Peterson, W50Y
9402 Arch Hill Circle; Austin, TX 78759

A luncheon meeting was held on July 17 at the Hancock Wyatt's Cafeteria in Austin. Twenty-three members and wives attended.

The program included the showing of the ARRL picture "The First 30 Years of Amateur Radio" which proved to be very interesting to the QCWA audience. "Candid camera" type pictures of local QCWA members and other well known local radio amateurs were shown by Mr. Amos Peters, W5LHX. The dialogue and humorous comments by W5LHX and others made this an extremely interesting meeting.

"Pete" Peterson, W50Y



SHERLOCK HOLMES WIRELESS SOCIETY *A Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars*

In order to permit followers of the World's greatest detective, Sherlock Holmes to communicate with each other and discuss the teachings of the Master Sleuth, the Sherlock Holmes Wireless Society was founded by Ken Johnson, W6NKE (QCWA #3001-L). The Sherlock Holmes Wireless Society meets the last Sunday of every month on 21.4 MHz.

The SHWS is a Scion Society of the Baker Street Irregulars of New York which is dedicated to keeping alive the memory of the greatest detective in History. There are many who think Sherlock Holmes was a fictional character created by the late Arthur Conan Doyle. The followers of the Master know different.

In fact, Holmes still lives, says a story in the Sherlockian Meddler Magazine. Through the mystical process of spiritual transference, Holmes lives on today in the body of a young Tibetan Lama, Mingyar Yakrap. At Holmes direction, Mingyar searched the world over for a compatible, telepathic contact to reveal the existence of the Master Detective to the World. The result of the search is that the Lama established contact with W6NKE. Thus the Sherlock Holmes Wireless Society came into existence.

All QCWA members who are dedicated to the service of the Master Detective are invited to join in the Sunday net. George Marts, W0TDH, St. Louis is the NCS. For additional information send an SASE to Ken Johnson, W6NKE.

ARIZONA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary "Lucky" Brown, K7NTG
9301 E. Magdalena Street; Tucson, AZ 85710
Phone 298-6892

On-the-air: Every Sunday at 0900 MST on 3933 kHz

Congratulations to W8KP, Robert Stolzenbach on his award of the 60th Anniversary Award. We hope we will be able to formally present the certificate in the near future. We have also received a notice from Hq that W7AIX, Sam Spittle of Benson has been awarded a Golden Anniversary certificate. We have contacted him to see if we can arrange a presentation of his award.

The Fall meeting is in the talking and planning stage. Place and time is open for suggestions. Also, this is election year for Chapter officers. Your comments and recommendations are invited. Send all comments to the chapter secretary prior to 1 October.

On-the-air business meetings are held every Sunday at 0900 MST, 3933 kHz. If you cannot transmit, listen in. All up-to-date information received by the secretary during the week is disseminated at this time.

Lucky Brown, K7NTG

ARK-LA-TEX CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ben Laurents, W5JAH
1812 Cambridge Street; Bossier City, LA 71010
Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19, Sambo's Restaurant, Bossier City, LA. Dinner is optional.

The notice for the July 20 meeting read, "Bring two old radio things besides yourself." Members brought many personal old ham memorabilia including station photos of the 1920s and 30s, old catalogs, a 1935 ARRL Antenna Handbook, etc. Showing and discussion of these items provided one of our most popular meetings. Attendance was light due to the many vacationing members, etc.

A special meeting is to be called in September to discuss further cooperation with the local Veterans Hospital and also to make plans for attendance at the QCWA National Convention in Houston.

Irv Wolfe, W5RQH

ATLANTA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Wendell Cushing, K4VN

A dinner meeting was held on June 25 to re-activate the Atlanta Chapter. Riley Stone, K4HYY and Wendell Cushing, K4VN have been working for some time on plans to "awaken the sleeping chapter," and there seems to be a good deal of enthusiasm.

At the Atlanta Hamvention in June all QCWA members and some potential members were contacted and invited to attend the meeting and K4VN phoned all members on the Atlanta list. It looks like there are 31 potential members.

We are looking forward to hearing more from Atlanta Chapter.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Hobart W. Johnson, W3AC
203 Park Drive; Baltimore, Md. 21228.

On-the-air: AM-SSB Net 28,650 kHz - Monday 9 p.m. local time

Next Meeting: Picnic in late Sept. or early Oct. Details later.

The Baltimore Chapter had its annual dinner meeting on May 8. The speaker at this occasion was Dr. Paul D. Lowman, Jr., who presented "Fifteen Years of Space Photography."



(L-R) Mrs. Paul Lowman, Dr. Paul Lowman; Chapter President Harold Kemp, W3EEI; V.P. Louis Goetz, W3WK; ARRL Director Harry McConaghy, W3SW and Mrs. McConaghy.

Among recent new members of the chapter are: W3DC, WA3QOH, WA3RUL, W3CBV, W3HNT, W3BYI and W3OAK.

We expect to have a picnic get-together in the latter part of September or early in October. Specific dates have not been determined at this time, however.

Hobart W. Johnson, W3AC

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary John McLane, K4FTB
1040 Carousel Lane; Hendersonville, N.C. 28739
Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 12:00 Noon
Executive Committee meeting and round table: 4th Wednesday
of each month at Clifton's Cafeteria, Hendersonville.

At our May meeting, Charles Jones, WB4LDP, who operates the Rock Shop in Lake Junaluska, gave us the real low-down on the gems of Western North Carolina. Several varieties, such as the emerald, ruby, sapphire and alexandrite, sell for more per carat than diamonds, and we have the only source of rubies in the Western hemisphere.

At our June meeting, Dr. Appleton, K4RR, gave us an interesting introduction to the metric system, including its derivation and relation to our present hodge-podge of inches, feet, yards, etc. Also, Bob David, W4YK, demonstrated his working spark transmitter - which includes a real "spark coil" (not a Ford coil.)

We had a display at the Asheville hamfest in June, also featuring W4YK's spark transmitter, plus various ancient licenses and certificates. We enrolled four new members: K4AI, W4HWR, W4VOX, and WA4ZXE.

At our July meeting, a 50 year certificate was presented to Joe Benesh, K4AI by Dr. Appleton, K4RR. See photo below.



John Morrison, WB4NPX gave us an unusual look at the history of our Earth, starting 4,000,000,000 years ago, as it could have been seen by a super movie camera far out in space, taking one frame every five years. When projected at normal speed, this film would run 24 hours a day for one year, and man would not appear on the scene until 3:14 p.m. on the afternoon of the last day, December 31st.

John McLane, K4FTB

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ernie Savage, VE7FB
4553 West 12th Avenue; Vancouver, B.C. V6R 2R4

The first meeting of British Columbia Chapter was held at Sambo's Pancake House, Vancouver, on Friday night 18 June. There were 45 present and a couple of "no-shows" like our pro-tem President who was stuck up North without a flight home. As members entered the room there on the wall was our Chapter Banner.

Our Chapter membership now totals 74 - with 29 more application forms still out. We are still hoping to reach that magic number of 100 before the end of the year.

Nominations were called and the following election resulted.

Chairman: Mort Mortensen, VE7KM

Sec/Treas: Ernie Savage, VE7FB

Mort has been on the Northwest Chapter's Executive Committee since gosh knows when and we are real pleased to have him as our first Chairman.

Pete McIntyre, VE7JT presented a gavel as his gift to our Chapter. Bill Fuller, K7OZA gave us a talk on next year's QCWA Convention in Seattle. VE7LL will be our man on the team.

Letters have been sent to all B.C. Amateurs regarding the Department of Communications proposal to introduce two new "certificates" (classes of license). "Experimenter Amateur Radio Operator's Certificate" would require no code proficiency. "It is proposed to grant phone privileges in the HF bands after gaining experience on the VHF bands to make the proposal more attractive." The other certificate, to be called the "Novice Amateur Radio Operator's Certificate" is intended for the communication oriented person and would permit aspiring amateurs to gain "on the air" experience. Morse code requirement would be five wpm and phone operation would not be permitted. Ninety watts output would be permitted in designated portions of the bands. Certificate would be valid for a maximum of two years and would be non-renewable.

Comments should be received before the end of September. Write to 300 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C8.

Our next Chapter party will be in October. See you there.

Ernie Savage, VE7FB

CANTON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Henry McLaughlin, W80YV
1508 Navarre Road, S.W.; Canton, OH 44706

Meetings: Quarterly

The May meeting was held at the Buckeye Hotel in Uhrichsville, Ohio with 38 in attendance. A most enjoyable dinner was climaxed with a brief talk by Paul Kindy, W8UKT, on emergency work being done by Florida hams. Also a briefing by Bill Parks, K8JZN, on the Weather-Watch Program.

The August 14 meeting at the Lake Shore Restaurant in Canton will be too late to make the News deadline. A fine turn-out is expected.

We didn't find time to arrange for a QCWA booth at the Hall of Fame Hamfest this year. This is something our chapter should get involved in.

And don't forget our shut-ins: Nolan Walker, W8ADQ, "Red" Kell, W8AXR.

The big (2") QCWA buttons have been ordered from Headquarters for re-sale to chapter members. These are the large celluloid buttons with blue letters on a yellow background. Please let the secretary know if you want one and send your donation to cover the cost (35¢ each).

We have received notice that Duke, W8RA has received his 60th Anniversary Award. We are looking forward to making an official presentation.

Don't forget the QCWA National Convention, Allen Park Inn, Houston, TX, October 8 - 10.

Henry McLaughlin, W80YV

CALL CHANGES

Here are some more changes in call signs.

WA2ATX	Now	W4NDF - Hiltz	WA7YYX	Now	W7KRU - Krulish
W2BFS	Now	W4FNI - Hermanso	W7WS	Now	W3AN - Smith
K2ETJ	Now	W9NXK - Goetz	W8KLM	Now	W4MGJ - Rhine
W2YRK	Now	W2DS - Safirstein	W8KTY	Now	W7LBD - Cupps
W2YYF	Now	W2FC - Kintzer	K80VS	Now	W4NAD - Thweatt
WB3BIF	Now	W3IGU - Denk	W8WYL	Now	W8SR - Henderson
W4LQO	Now	KP4ELL - Smith	W9DLZ	Now	W8LXX - Benham
K4IGE	Now	K4NR - Nelson	W9JQY	Left out	- Preston
K4ZM	Now	WB7DXB - Boyle	W0NCA	Now	W0RG - Olsen
W6LQS	Now	K6US - Sharp	KL7AH	Now	W6SMD - White
K6WT	Now	K7EQ - Pile	VE3AQB	Now	VE3SM - Moir

CITRUS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Jack Six, W4YPA

1081 Cobblestone Avenue; Deltona, FL 32763

On-the-air: Each Saturday at 10:00 a.m. on 3950 kHz

Next Meeting: September 25, Orlando, at Ireland's 11:30 a.m.

The Citrus Chapter meeting of 19 June at the Winter-House in Daytona Beach was well planned by our Vice Pres and Daytona Section Chief, Bill Holdich, K4GJ. It was a delightful occasion. We had 48 members, wives and guests present. We were very pleased to have so many of the ladies with us.

It was decided that Citrus would go back to its original 5 or 6 meetings per year. Unless altered by restaurant availability, our meetings will be held the last Saturday of the month and at different locations throughout our Central Florida area.

Future Meetings: 25 September - Orlando, at Ireland's

27 November - Tavares

12 February - Orlando Hamfest

Our next meeting, September 25th, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Ireland's Restaurant in Orlando, will not require reservations. However, if possible, please let W4PI know if you plan to attend. Ireland's is on the west side of Maguire Blvd, just across the street from Fashion Square.

As of 30 July, Ralph Haburton, K4DZ, is in the hospital for tests. Good luck, Ralph, we sincerely hope it's nothing serious.

Join our Citrus on-the-air meetings on 3950 each Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Jack Six, W4YPA, is our chairperson now. As demonstrated during his organization of the State of Florida QCWA Net, Jack is, in our opinion, the outstanding QCWA NCS in Florida. We are pleased to have him back in the driver's seat again.

All vacationing QCWA mobilers are invited to join us on 3950 as you tour our state or the Southeast. We have regular attendance all the way from North Georgia to Venice, Florida. Hence, one of us will hear you and relay your greetings.

Bill Waldo, W4PI.

HONOR ROLL

Martin M. Schwartz, W2EPZ is one of the volunteers that operate the station in the "Hall of Science" in Flushing, NY. Martin recently received a Public Service Award in connection with the Guatemala earthquake.

CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Bob Adams, W8BK0
505 King Avenue; Columbus, OH 43201

Big Doin's for 50 members and guests at our Spring Meeting on May 22 at the Jai Lai Restaurant! After the social hour of appropriately flavored ice cubes and a sumptuous repast of roast beef and all the fixin's, outgoing president Otto Geyer, W8LEA slammed down the gavel and presented the findings of the nominating committee and called for voting on our new officers and directors. The results are shown below. (L to R)

Director: Otto Geuer, W8LEA (outgoing Pres)
Director: Warren Bauer, W8IJV (outgoing Sec)
President: Dan Umberger, W8ZCQ
Secretary: Bob Adams, W8BK0



Next, we had the pleasure of honoring two of our senior, Senior Radio Amateurs: Vaughn Seeds, W8AB0 received his Golden Anniversary certificate from the President (see picture below - L) and Tom McCann, K8CM showed off his new 60 year lapel pin. (R)



All these very important formalities were followed by our much travelled super shutter-bug and lecturer nonpariel, George McDonald, W8VUY presenting a slide show covering his extensive travels throughout darkest Africa. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The meeting closed for all to rally round for socializing far into the late hours of the evening.

Tom McCann, K8CM

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Max G. Bauer, W8ALI

Our 4th Annual Summer Picnic was held on July 24th at Shaker Lakes, Ohio. This affair usually draws from 40 to 50 members.

A Golden Anniversary Award was presented to Walter Ermer, W8AEU at the Spring Dinner-Banquet held at the Masonic Dining Room, Cleveland, Ohio. Presentation was made by Werner Sauber, W8KC, Director of the Cleveland Chapter and past Pres.

Max G. Bauer, W8ALI

(Ed Note: We have a habit of picking on Paul, W8EFW! Now we apologize for listing him and the other Cleveland Chapter officers as belonging to Chicago Chapter. (June News.) Sorry, fellows!



Golden Anniversary Award to W8AEU

CENTRAL INDIANA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Alvey Pittman, W9EL

2555 Westlane Road; Indianapolis, IN 46268

Next Meeting: September 17. Members will be notified of location.

The Spring meeting was held at the Sweden House on May 20. Twenty-nine members, their wives and guests attended. No formal meeting was presented, but a chance to renew old friendships, good food, and a general rag-chew was enjoyed by all.

Elections were held after the dinner. Succeeding retiring President Charlie Lugar, W9CGJ, was

President: Jerry Lucas, W9BS.

Secretary: Alvey Pittman, W9EL was reelected.

The Fall meeting will be held September 17. The location has not yet been decided, but all members will be notified in time to make plans.

I am sorry that one of my first duties is to report the untimely death of Charles E. Manning, W9GGP, on June 14, 1976.

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CENTRAL NEW YORK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Herbert Preston, W2RIZ
11 Lincoln Street, Tully, NY 13159
On-the-air: Every Sunday, 10:30 a.m. on 3917 kHz

The officers of the Central New York Chapter attended a luncheon-meeting at the Ramada Inn at Binghamton on June 4th to receive the report of the nominating committee on their recommendations for officers for the coming year, and to make final plans for the Chapter's annual picnic. President Orel Orvis, W2MAB, presided.

The nominating committee presented the following slate:
For President: Russ Snedeker, W2EEQ; Robert Turrell, W2UWD;
Robert Vasilow, W2VDX; Theodore Koranye, W2SFW
For Vice Pres: The person in the above list receiving the
second greatest number of votes.
For Secretary: Edward Goodison, W2QLQ; Herbert Preston, W2RIZ.
For Treasurer: Harry Spencer, W2SDA.

There will be a further call for nominations from the floor prior to the voting.

It has been arranged to hold the annual Chapter picnic at the summer cottage of Robert Turrell, W2UWD, at Heart Lake, near Montrose, PA. Last year the picnic was held at this location and everyone was delighted with the place.

The election of officers for the coming year will be held following the picnic. Installation of the new officers will be held later in the season.

Notices of the combined picnic and business meeting were mailed to the 72 members whose names appear on the Chapter mailing list. We are hoping for a record attendance.

SEE YOU ON THE AIR SUNDAYS.

H.E. Preston, W2RIZ

CENTRAL INDIANA CHAPTER - Continued

Charlie was the victim of a cardiac arrest suffered while operating his sail boat on the Eagle Creek Reservoir, west of Indianapolis. He was first licensed in 1932 and was the recipient of the ARRL Public Service Awards for his work in handling tornado emergency traffic in 1956 and 1974. Charlie was a long time member of the Indianapolis Radio Club, QCWA, ARRL, DARF, OT and RC. We extend our sympathy to his family and his friends all over the World.

Jerry Lucas, W9BS

CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Jules Wenglare, W6YO
1416 7th Avenue; Delano, CA 93215

Next Meeting: September 26, Mooney Grove - South of Visalia

Things are moving along with the Central Valley Chapter with eleven present at our first meeting June 26. We now have 28 members on our charter roster and we are working on that 50 mark for the free banner!

We intend to have three social meetings and one business meeting a year, two in the Visalia area and two in the Bakersfield or Delano area. Our next meeting is a picnic at Mooney grove, South of Visalia, on September 26 from Noon to six p.m. It will be a pot luck and everyone brings his own service, dishes, drinks, etc. When our treasury is a little fuller, we might have a barbeque.

A note of interest: We have a mother and son team in our chapter. Jean, W6FHC and her son Charlie, W6HYK are both members. The father (deceased) and a daughter were also licensed in that family. Are there any other mother and son combinations in QCWA?

Here is a picture of some of our group.



(L - R) Seated: Joan, W6FHC and her grandson
Standing: W6KPC, W6YO, W6OV, W6CUA, W6HYK
WB6ZYC, W6DQF, W6TRP, W6BUM
W6UZ was behind the camera

See you at the picnic September 26

Dick Kemp, W6OV

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COLORADO CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Stuart Edmonds, WØGW
3998 South Hillcrest Drive; Denver CO 80237
On-the-air: Each Sunday at 1600 MST on 3900 kHz

The QCWA Breakfast held during the ARRL National Convention on July 17 was attended by 170 members, wives and friends. Our Colorado Chapter President, Jim Haynes, WØOVL, ably presided over the festivities.

Three Charter Members of QCWA were invited to address the group. David Talley, W2PF (QCWA #4) spoke briefly about the proposed By-law change. Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM (#357) added his comments and Frank Frimerman, W2FZ (#19) commented that this was one of the largest QCWA turn-outs he had attended. He said he was now looking forward to a large turn-out at the National QCWA Convention in Houston in October.

The featured speaker was Lew McCoy, W1ICP (#8556). Lew gave a most interesting talk about early days and the ARRL Museum. He read parts of letters which he had found in the archives while setting up the museum.

The door prize presented at the breakfast was won by none other than Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM. What was more amazing was that the grand prize of the convention was won by Frank Frimerman, W2FZ. Congratulations to both for their good fortune.

At our booth in the Convention Area, our guest book was signed by 129 past, present, and prospective members. All saleable items were sold and all application blanks were passed out, indicating a real interest in the QCWA organization.

The election and by-laws change conducted by mail ballot earlier this year resulted in the following new officers.

President: Jim Haynes, WØOVL
Vice Pres: Don Holaday, WØDR
Secretary: Stu Edmonds, WØGW
Treasurer: Sol Abramowitz, WØWSK
Board of Directors: WØLM, WØCAW, WØMJA,
WØQIH, WØKKP, WØNNI

The constitutional amendment was passed, making the outgoing President automatically a member of the Board for the year following his term in office.

Our own Colorado Chapter Net on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. MDT on (or near) 3900 kHz. We sure would like to hear more of you on there.

Stuart C. Edmonds, WØGW

DALLAS CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Walt Wiederhold, W50GZ
2812 Pritchett; Irving, TX 75061
Phone 253-1683

On-the-air: Every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on 3935 kHz
145.55 MHz simplex at any time

Meetings: First Saturday of each month, 12:30 p.m., Wyatt's

At the July 1st meeting, the Dallas Chapter got a new President and two new Directors.

President: Gus Howard, W5KM

Directors: Howard Dreggors, W5EDW

"Killer" Kane, W5PCY

Congratulations to these gentlemen on their new jobs.

The Dallas Chapter has a President, Secretary/Treasurer and four Directors. Each officer serves for two years from July 1 of the year in which elected. That arrangement, plus meetings on the first Saturday of each month, keep the Dallas Chapter moving.

A new banner to replace the one stolen at the Texoma Hamarama last October has been purchased and is in the proud possession of President Gus Howard. We'll guard it very carefully from now on.

About 10 Dallas Chapter members journeyed to Tyler, Texas on June 12th to hold a joint meeting with the Tyler and Houston Chapters. It is held each year in the Tyler Rose Garden and is a very enjoyable occasion. Dallas Chapter provided the movie which was the entertainment. We also enjoyed a delightful picnic lunch.

At the July 3rd meeting, Dr. Grossman, K5CY, gave an interesting talk on MARCO, Medical Amateur Radio Council, and their activity at the National AMA meeting in Dallas. This organization is made up of members of the medical profession who are also Radio Amateurs. Most other Chapters probably have members of MARCO.

We are all looking forward to the QCWA National Convention in Houston this coming October and hope we will see you all there.

Walt Wiederhold, W50GZ



SEE YOU IN HOUSTON, OCTOBER 8 - 10

DAYTON-CINCINNATI CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Carl Yeager, W8DWT
2620 Hazelwood Avenue; Dayton, OH 45409
On-the-air: Every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on 3986 kHz

Here are some pictures of the Dayton-Cincinnati group by K8UZ.



K8UZ, W8ACT, W8TPC, W8LK, W8DWT

Presentation of Awards was made at the QCWA Banquet preceding the Dayton Hamvention. QCWA Executive Secretary Ethel Smith, K4LMB presented the certificates.



*60th Anniversary Award
to Tom McCann, K8CM*



*50 Year Award to
Louis Weimer, W8EY*

*50-Year Awards to
Joe Whiting, W8ACT and Larry Gladville, K8UBK*



DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary A.G. Wentzel, Jr., W2HX
318 Gardner Avenue; Trenton, NJ 08618

On-the-air: Every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. on 3917 kHz

Next Meeting; September 11, Buck Hotel, Feasterville, Pa.

We had 81 members and guests at our Summer meeting on Saturday, June 6, at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville, Pa. A moment of silence was observed for one of our Charter Life Members - Col. Charles Porter, K2ER of Rye, N.Y. who passed away in Florida on April 8th.



After a very fine dinner, a 60 Year certificate was presented to Charles Atwater, W2JN. (See photo at left). Presentation was made by our chairman, George Hautenchild, W3KD. Also, four new members were introduced to the group: W2ZEE, W2EJA, W3CBF and WB3BIF. It was also announced that one of the Chapter members, K3JH, Joe Hertzberg, was awarded the Amateur of the Year Award at the Dayton Hamvention.

Harry Stein, W3CL, reported on the Atlantic Division convention coming up at Philadelphia. George A. Diehl, W2IHA talked on Docket #20777 and the Hudson Division convention in October.

Chairman George Hautenchild, W3KD appointed a nominating committee consisting of W3IMU, W3DJD, W2SVV, W3EM and W3AJS to come up with a slate of officers for the years of '77 & '78. Additional nominations from the floor will be open at the next meeting in September.

Speaker of the evening was Sgt. James R. Arena of the New Jersey State Police. His topic was Traffic Regulation. This illustrated program brought many questions from the floor and was well received. James is the son of our member W2SVV. He is considered an expert in the field of traffic, having received a degree in traffic from Illinois U. Many door prizes were donated by our member Preston Funk, W3MFT of Trevese.
A.G. Wentzel, W2HX



EVERGREEN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Howard R. Patrick, W7IDZ
E. 2927 15th Avenue; Spokane, WA 99203

On-the-air: Every Sunday at 0830 PDT on 3985 kHz - NCS W7FL
Second Tuesday at Noon on 22/82 - NCS W7JY

The Evergreen Chapter set up a booth at the Spokane Amateur Radio Club annual Hamfest on July 17 and 18 at the Eastern Washington State College. We had a Spark Transmitter, old receivers, tubes and QSL cards on display, together with our QCWA banner.

Jorgy, K7VVQ, did a splendid job of collecting antique equipment and built a replica of a one-kilowatt Spark Transmitter used by G.E. Langford, 7NL in 1921. Bob, W7BMK, displayed 35 QSL cards he had received between 1927 and 1937, and two of the hams whose QSL cards were displayed were at the Hamfest - W7APK and W7CJC.

Those coming the farthest for the Hamfest were Stan, W7CJC of Indian Valley, Idaho and Don, W7IWI of Kevin, Montana. George, W7CJ of Potlatch, Idaho received the distinction, among those present at the Saturday night banquet, of having been licensed the longest. George received his first license in 1915.

QCWA members met Sunday morning at the Hamfest site for a breakfast. Secretary Russ Patrick, W7IDZ was pleasantly surprised upon receiving the QCWA Meritorious Award.



We added another new member to the Chapter - Damon Nuckols, WØUI0/7 of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.



At left is a picture of our Evergreen Chapter President, Robert Morrill, W7BMK and the ARRL SCM for Washington State, Mary Lewis, W7QGP. The buttons Mary is wearing are the new celluloid buttons now being sold by QCWA Headquarters. Mary had a batch made up to sell to members to help finance the convention in Seattle next year.

Russ Patrick, W7IDZ

The older one gets the harder it is to make ends meet... especially the fingers and toes.

EVERGLADES CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Joseph Trahan, W4UCL
3633 S.W. 23rd Ct; Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312
Meetings: First Saturday of each month.

It was an honor and a pleasure to have Frank Gunther, W2ALS, President of the QCWA attend our May 1 luncheon. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banks, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hermanson, W2BFS, Seaford, N.Y.; Mrs. Pat Schoenly, Easton, PA and Mary Ann Trahan, both daughters of Joe Trahan, W4UCL.

Mark Devaney, K4IDC, called our attention once again to the QCWA convention to be held in Houston, TX October 8-10. Try to get to this affair; it should be very interesting and lots of fun.



(L-R) Frank Gunther, W2ALS, Mark Devaney, K4IDC
Joe Trahan, W4UCL - Sec/Treas; Ed Stolzenberger, WB4ODL - Chairman

Our new updated roster will be ready for the October mailing.

J.F. Trahan, W4UCL

CW Hounds know all about T9X, but how many of you know T9C? That is the legal first name of the wife of W5BGC. See the photo of T9C and Harry, W5BGC at right.



EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George L. Fuller, W2BSH
2094 Oaklawn Avenue; Schenectady, NY 12306
On-the-air: Saturdays, 4:00 p.m. Eastern on 3965 kHz
Next Meeting: Saturday, September 18 - Veeder's Restaurant
Albany, N.Y. Buffet dinner.

The Eastern New York Chapter has held an election with the following results:

President: William J. Barnes, W2GM
Vice Pres: Joseph H. Nolin, W2ZZD
Sec/Treas: George L. Fuller, W2BSH
Directors: W2PKY, W2BKW, WB2QEH
All for two years.

The first Annual Dinner Meeting will be held at Veeder's Restaurant, 2020 Central Avenue, Albany, N.Y. on Saturday, September 18. A Buffet Dinner will be enjoyed. Mr. William "Bill" Edwardsen, the area's top radio announcer and conversationalist (WGY-WHK and WQBK), World Traveller and "Tour Guide" will be the speaker. Reservations \$6.50. Reservations close Saturday, September 11.

A Chapter Net will begin operation on Saturday, August 28 at 4:00 p.m. EDST on 3965 kHz. We hope all of you will check in.

George L. Fuller, W2BSH

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Robert Embry, W4HHQ
1704 Highland Drive; Knoxville, TN 37918
On-the-air: Sundays, 5:00 p.m. 3917 kHz
Next Meeting: November 6 around Knoxville

On July 24 we had an informal luncheon at the Holiday Inn at Crossville, Tennessee. This was in conjunction with the Hamfest which is held here each July. This is the third year the QCWA group has met in this way and it seems to go over in a big way.

We had one new member present, W4TYV and one visitor, K4ER, from the Tennessee Valley Chapter.

Our next regular meeting will be held around Knoxville, Tenn. on November 6. We are looking forward to it.

Bob Embry, W4HHQ

EAST GEORGIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Frank Simpson, W4ISS

East Georgia is the newest member of the QCWA family. Chartered on 20 July, 1976, East Georgia became the 95th chapter in QCWA.

Organizational officers are:

President: F.A. "Goat" Saxon, W4AAY

Sec/Treas: Frank F. Simpson, W4ISS

Other "spark-plugs" have included K4IYS and W40KL.

A hearty Welcome to East Georgia.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Art Dobbs, W5FJP
3113 Covert Avenue; Ft. Worth, TX 76133

Meetings: Dinner meeting second Thursday each month, 7:00 p.m.
Mason Jar Inn, Fort Worth, Texas

We have secured several new members during the past year and now have a membership of 38. Visitors are always welcome and all eligible hams are invited to join our organization.

During our June meeting, new officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President: Herb Angell, K5AH

Sec/Treas: Art Dobbs, W5FJP

Director: Ernie Neff, W5BBH
(three years)

Shortly after the election, our new President, Herb, had a mild heart attack. He is now doing fair but will be grounded for awhile. We all wish Herb a speedy recovery.

Several of our members anticipate attending the National meeting in Houston, Texas in October.

Art Dobbs, W5FJP



QCWA rubber stamp logo - \$3.50
See order blank page 55.

GATOR CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary "Dave" Davis, W4GQ
6971 Grand Vista Way S; St. Petersburg 33707
Meetings: First Saturday of each month - October through May
On-the-air: Every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m. on 3920 kHz

Gator Chapter will host the big QCWA luncheon at the ARRL West Gulf Coast convention at Clearwater Beach on November 6. Hope we will see many of you there.

Father Julius May, W4WMY left the Gator Chapter in June for a new assignment in Louisiana. Our National QCWA Director, Bob David, W4YK reminded Fr. May that a Gator is all mouth and no ears. Father May was caught in this humorous situation at the April meeting of Gator Chapter in Clearwater.

Photo by Harry Cole, W4DLL

George Hoffstetter, K4AV looks with appreciation upon the 60-Year QCWA Certificate being presented with enthusiasm by Bob Conaughty, K40Q, President of Gator Chapter at the April meeting.



D.C. Bailey, W4OZ is shown about to receive his Golden Anniversary certificate from President Bob Conaughty, K40Q at the April meeting.

Photos by W4DLL



We have word from Lew Sieck, K4NE that he and his wife are sailing for Europe on the QE2 on August 11.

Saturday morning net activity seems to be holding up despite the departure of our large snowbird contingent.

Lew Sieck, K4NE

HOUSTON CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary C.B. Scott, W5GPD
5475 Darnell; Houston, TX 77096

On-the-air: Thursday nights on 3876 kHz - 8:00 p.m. local
146.55 Simplex at any time

Meetings: 4th Saturday at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Sharpstown.

Welcome to W5 land and Houston. Irrespective of how you get to the National Convention here in Houston, you will have to travel through quite a bit of W5 land. It is, therefore, appropriate for a "loud and clear" welcome from all of our W5s. If you have VHF equipment, you will find that our repeaters are just like yours except, perhaps, that we may, in most cases, have many more miles between them. Our highways are first ~~xxxx~~ class and our traffic problems are also first class! This should make you feel quite at home on this score.

We are celebrating our 10th Anniversary of the Houston Chapter. It is a very special event for us and we would like you to help us commemorate this great milestone. Some of you have participated in Houston Chapter activities and may find yourself in the big middle of the Multi-Media presentation! The Houston Chapter welcomes our old timers to the National Convention.

The "Houston Plan," a new election procedure, is being promulgated and will be introduced at the Houston Convention. It is a system that is being used by large fraternal and business organizations whereby the election method is changed so that elected delegates from each Chapter do the actual voting and electing of our National officers. Some of the advantages of this system are that Chapter officials are actually in frequent contact with QCWA management and are, therefore, in a better position to evaluate the characteristics of the proposed candidates. Another point is the savings in printing and mailing expenses which deplete our QCWA dollars. Better plan on attending the QCWA Business Meeting Saturday morning and provide your input - or forever hold your peace.

Project Logic. It is unfortunate that many of our old timers have not gotten into projects using integrated circuits. Our old times have a real feel of what is needed to be designed, know how to design, have designed many wonderful devices. However, most of the literature on ICS does not answer many practical problems that keep our old timers from exploiting the IC domain. We propose writing a series of papers on TTL (Transistor-Transistor Logic) from the old timers viewpoint.

Building a six digit clock with TTL chips will provide the ground floor from which to start. (Continued on page 39.)

GATEWAY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Bob Cutting, W2KGI/4
303 10th Street; Atlantic Beach, FL 32233
On-the-air: Saturday mornings at 1100 Hrs on 3930 kHz
Meetings: Second Saturday of each month. Luncheon at 1200 Hrs.

The Gateway Chapter met at a luncheon meeting on June 19, at which time the following officers were elected:

President: John A. Bernard - W4BRZ
Vice Pres: Perry L. Wilson - W4DRM
Sec/Treas: Robert J. Cutting - W2KGI/4

Since these officers were elected in June (the middle of the Association year) they agreed to serve until December 31, 1977 so that the election of officers would then be concurrent with the Association's calendar/fiscal year.

The Gateway Chapter was organized and chartered in January of this year and a Constitution and By-laws were adopted at the June 19 meeting. Membership remains at thirty but efforts are being made to increase the rolls.

Robert J. Cutting, W2KGI/4

HOUSTON CHAPTER - Continued

There are many practical problems which require a lot of question asking because most articles deal primarily with the electrical features, etc. These papers will start from scratch and will include data as to source of items, designation, practical requirements, etc., and will be in block diagram (logic) form. A newsletter will be published each month to ride piggy-back on the chapter's monthly newsletter. Thus the only cost is for the printing. So--- How about joining our Houston Chapter and get in the IC upswing?

Now that Summer is over, it's time to start making preparations for the QSO Party. Our last yearly QSO was great, but before you know it the day will arrive and catch us with great plans not completed yet. Northwest Chapter is planning to sponsor the 1977 Party. Let's make a great showing.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the convention.

"Monty" Montemayor, W5YZ

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Ed Prested, W8IAC
P.O. Box 338; Indian River, MI 49749

Michigan Chapter held its annual meeting in Cadillac, May 1. Forty-seven QCWA members and YW's were in attendance. New officers for 1976/1977 were elected. They are

President: "Ducky" Duckwitz, W8CJT
Vice Pres: George Eastwood, W8HM
Secretary: Ed Prested, W8IAC
Treasurer: Ed Trombley, W8CAM

Golden Anniversary Awards were presented to W8FM and W8GP. The stories of the past 50-60 years were very interesting. If the future comes up to these stories, we will have a great future in Amateur Radio. A great time was had by all. We were sorry for the members who missed this good gabfest and a very fine dinner.



Jack, W8LA
Alt. NCS

Ducky, W8CJT
President

Ed, W8IAC
Secretary

Ed, W8CAM
Treas / NCS

Jim Russell, W8BU was one of the first stations heard overseas.

TRANSATLANTIC TESTS SUCCEED!

The Atlantic Ocean has been bridged by the signals of American amateur stations, not one but dozens of them! Paul F. Godley sent overseas with American equipment by the ARRL, set up his station at Ardrossan, Scotland, and there picked the signals of the following stations:

SPARK 1A9Y Burlington, Vt. 1A9W (Legal Station not yet located) 1B0T Atlantic, Mass. 2BK Yonkers, N.Y. 2DN Yonkers, N.Y. Can. 3P Newmarket, Ont. C.W. 1RU West Hartford, Conn. 1RZ Ridgefield, Conn. 1AR2 Burlington, Vt. 1B0S Greenwich, Conn. 1B0T Atlantic, Mass. 1B0F Hartford, Conn.	1BKA Glenbrook, Conn. 1XH Cambridge, Mass. 1YH Worcester, Mass. 2EH Riverhead, N.Y. 2FD New York City 2FP Brooklyn, N.Y. 2ARY Brooklyn, N.Y. 2AJW Riverhead, N.Y. 2BML Princeton, N.J. 3DM Atlantic City, N.J. 3FS Cleveland, Ohio 3BU Washington, Pa. 3ACF Pittsburgh, Pa. 3KV
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This accomplishment is epoch-making and opens the door to unimagined possibilities in private radio communication. We will publish the COMPLETE STORY IN OUR NEXT ISSUE - DON'T MISS IT!

- NOW -

W8BU

- THE FIRST DX -

to

PAUL F. GODLEY

at

ARDROSSAN-MOOR

IN SCOTLAND

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James L. (Jim) Russell
4348 West 223rd St.
Cleveland, Ohio
44126

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Arthur R. Gaeth, WØFQB
6105 37th Street; Omaha, NE 68111

On-the-air: Every Saturday at 9:00 on 3980 kHz

A Chapter meeting was held on Sunday, July 25 during the Central Nebraska Amateur Radio Club Steak-fry at Victoria Springs State Park. Twenty-five members were present, plus visitors WØFCT and WØLJO, who received applications for membership.

The first order of new business was the appointment of a nominating committee for selection of officers and directors for the year 1977. President WØUFD appointed WØAP as chairman with WØAIH and KØKO as members of this committee. Nominations by this committee will be submitted during our next chapter meeting to be held during the ARRL Midwest Division Convention, October 9th, at Omaha, NB

It was pointed out that a petition may be submitted, signed by at least three (3) members in good standing, forwarded to the Secretary and post-marked at least thirty (30) days prior to our annual meeting in early December, nominating any eligible member in good standing for any office or directorship.

A "smorgersborg luncheon" will be provided at Noon (Dutch-treat) during the Midwest Division Convention for all Midwest QCWA members attending, to be followed by a Nebraska Chapter meeting.

WØAMY attracted considerable attention with his display of old call books. WØFQB was presented a certificate naming him to the Nebraska Amateur Radio Hall of Fame by the Radio Amateurs of Nebraska.



Charlie McNeel, WØEXP is another of our old timers. Charlies call, 9EXP first appears in the 1928 call book but he believes he got his ticket in 1925. There were no listings beyond 9EMF from 1925 until 1928 - when it suddenly jumped through W9FWF. It does seem that some of the calls between 9EMF and W9FWF must have been assigned during the 1925-1927 period. If anyone worked Charlie in the early days, please drop him a line.

Art Gaeth, WØFQB

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

For Information: Contact President Ray Griswold, W2SD
12 Vernon Drive; Cheektowaga, NY 14225
On-the-air: Sunday at 1:30 p.m. around 3900 kHz
Meetings: Every Saturday Noon, Buffalo Trap & Field Club

Our chapter was represented at the Rochester Hamfest on May 22 by Chapter President Ray Griswold, W2SD and acting Secretary Bill Hope, W2EWT. Our booth was visited by many prospective and at least one new member, W2CZT, was signed up. We expect to see several applications rolling in soon.

We had many warm chats with out-of-state QCWA members and QCWA lapel pins were seen in large numbers. Our thanks to Bruce Kelley, W2ICE for arranging a booth for us.

A QCWA meeting was also held at this hamfest. It was not too well attended, due in part to a time change for the meeting. Those in attendance were rewarded with some excellent slides and a running description by Ed Lindberg, W2CIL, covering his recent European trip in visiting radio Hams in several countries and how the language problem was overcome!

We would like to welcome four new members into our chapter: Casimer Pustelnik, W2OSW; Bob Wetherald, W2CZT; Harold Maybee, W2RYJ and Bob McConnell, W2Z00. Enrolled earlier this year in our chapter but not introduced are: Agathon Albion, W2UMS; Bruce Kelley, W2ICE; Ralph Janowski, W2RPO and Nelson Griswold, WB2GUF.

Congratulations to Charley Lalloz, W2FSB, who has just been awarded a Golden Anniversary certificate!

A QCWA picnic was held at the Summer location of Bob Johnson, W2WVC, in South Wales on June 18. It was well attended by the fellows and their wives. Our apologies to the members out-of-town who may not have been notified - our notices went out telephonically. Ken Palmer, K2FJ showed us how the game of horseshoes should be played - ringers every other throw!

Bill Hope, W2EWT has been appointed acting Secretary/Treasurer, at least until our November election this year. Bill replaces Harvey Wannenmacher who passed away in March.

Our Chapter Net meets every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and we at least try to get on around 3900 kHz. Call in. We will be looking forward to having you check in.

Bill Hope, W2EWT

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary George Apfel, W2GHV
PO Box 312; Park Ridge, NJ 97656

On-the-air: NESCON Net 12:15 p.m. Sunday on 3917 kHz

Meetings: Quarterly dinner meetings. Next meeting Sept. 17.

Northern New Jersey Chapter held its quarterly dinner meeting on June 11 at the Saddle Brook Holiday Inn. Members and guests numbered 73. Dinner followed the usual Happy Hour.

New members were introduced by President Ralph Hasslinger, who also noted that our chapter was founded just two years ago by fifteen members and that our present membership is 196. W2ZCL is the newest addition. Our activities in adding new members to the Chapter has added 62 new members to the National organization.

Ralph then introduced other first timers and the Chapter officers. He also asked for a moment of silence for Chuck Porter, K2ER who became a Silent Key recently. Chuck, who was awarded a 64 year extended sticker at our last Fall meeting, was also a member of OOT, SOWP and ARRL.

A Golden Anniversary certificate was presented to W2DAX and W2HL received a 54 year sticker. Frank Frimerman, W2FZ (National QCWA #19) had the highest service length - 64 years.

The chapter nominating committee presented their slate as follows: For President - W2GHV; 1st V.P. - W2BBK; 2nd V.P. - W2JW; Recording Sec. - W2GH; Corresponding Sec. - W2PN; Treasurer - W2CLI. Ballots will be mailed to all members.

Before presentation of our program, which was slides presented by President Ralph of his trip to Banff and various National QCWA conventions, Paul, W2GH introduced his BTB - (Bride to Be) Ruth.

Ralph reported that response to the questionnaire for composing the National Board of Directors of a Director and Vice Director from each call area, was running almost 4 to 1. This proposal has the approval of NESCON.*

*NESCON is a federation of the following chapters: Central New York, Delaware Valley, Long Island, Metro New York, New England and Northern New Jersey. NESCON met recently at Tarrytown, NY and the following officers were elected: W2CVF, Chairman; W1DJ, Vice Chairman; W2AIM, Sec/Treas.

Our next meeting will be on September 17th. Hope to see you all.

George J. Apfel, W2GHV

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Hal Johnston, W7PN
48 E - Harrington Lagoon Road; Coupeville, WA
On-the-air: Every Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 3655 kHz CW
3:00 p.m. - 3955 kHz SSB
Daily 12:00 Noon - 7260 kHz AM, SSB

The Annual Meeting of the Northwest Chapter was held June 12-13 at Vancouver, Washington. After a memorial, conducted by "Doc" Spike, W7OS, for fourteen departed brothers, the meeting was called to order by Chairman "Tex" Sloat, W7AHK.

"Doc" spoke on the increased cost of brass memorial plates and suggested a less expensive method. After considerable discussion, it was decided to maintain the tradition of the brass plates.

The membership approved the concept of having a National Board member from each call area and the National was so notified. Bill, K7OZA, reported on the progress of the 1977 convention. Warren, W7JY, talked on the remodeling of the Rocky Reach Dam museum display and illustrated the talk with diagrams.

The election committee reported the results of the annual election:

Vice-chairman: Bill Mowery, W7BCS

Secretary: Hal Johnston, W7PN

"Tex" thanked the officers and members for their cooperation during the past year. The gavel was turned over to "Bill" Fuller, K7OZA, the incoming Chairman and Vice-chairman "Bill" Mowery, W7BCS, was installed and spoke a few words.

Friday evening preceding the gathering at Vancouver, "Tex" and Thelma hosted a warm-up party at their residence with appetizers and wine. "Tex" has a large and beautiful collection of antique radios which all hands viewed.

Saturday evening at the banquet, Julius Wolf entertained during the cocktail hour on the organ, piano and drums and again for dancing after the banquet. During the banquet, the highlight was the presentation of 60th Anniversary Awards to the three Mumford brothers, W2CU, W3CU and W6CU. Fifty Year Awards were presented to Jeff, K7RZZ and John, W7LT. A Meritorious Award was presented to Hal, W7PN. (See page 45.)

Saturday morning the ladies were taken to the Portland coliseum to view the Portland Rose Festival parade. The men made a tour of the Larsen Antenna factory. In the afternoon all hands went to Fort Vancouver to view the historical objects. The weather cooperated the entire time.

Hal Johnston, W7PN

NORTHWEST CHAPTER - Continued



MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Presented to Northwest Chapter Secretary Hal Johnston, W7PN
by retiring chairman Tex Sloat, W7AHK (right).



60th ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

To the Mumford Brothers (l-r) W6CU, W3CU, W2CU

A note from Hugh Compton, W7MKW added the comments that a highlight of the Mumford presentation was the stories of Chris Engleman, W7QQ relating the adventures of Bill Mumford aboard the USCGC ALGONQUIN (Call NRA). He regaled the audience with anecdotes of their adventures aboard the patrol ship and ashore in Dutch Harbor - with Bill usually the underdog! Harold Mumford, W6CU said the only thing that marred the program was when a mysterious, bearded representative from the old Portland Railway, Light and Power Company entered the room saying that the Mumford Brothers had not paid for a watt-hour meter he falsely claimed they had burned out in 1920. He wanted payment of damages plus interest.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Bob Cannon, W4IG0
105 N. Sterling Blvd; Sterling, VA 22170
Meetings: Quarterly. Next Meeting November 16.

The Quarterly meeting of the Northern Virginia Chapter was held at the Black Angus Steak House, Falls Church, Virginia on 18 May. Thirty members and guests enjoyed an "attitude adjustment party" followed by a delicious dinner.

President Bill Grenfell, W4GF, announced that incorporation papers for the chapter have been drawn up and are being forwarded to Richmond. The members present, when polled, reaffirmed their satisfaction with Quarterly meetings. It was decided that the next meeting would be held at the same location as the previous meetings.

Because of a conflict with other QCWA nets, the Northern Virginia Chapter net has been moved to 3920 kHz at 11:30 EDT on Sundays. All members are urged to participate in the net.

Notices of chapter meetings are sent to all members in good standing. Any who have not paid dues have been dropped from the mailing list. Make sure you keep up to date by contacting Treasure Bob Cannon, W4IG0.

We are proud to see that our popular member, Ed Redington, W4ZM will be presenting his famous Spark Transmitter demonstration at the National QCWA Convention in Houston. He will also be Toastmaster at the Pioneer Banquet at the Antique Wireless Association annual radio conference at Canandaigua, N.Y. on October 2. Ed is much in demand as a Toastmaster and speaker.

A 60th Anniversary Award will be presented at the August 17 to George R. Boardman, W4LB. Congratulations, George.

Ken Joseph, W4SIG

QCWA BUTTONS



In response to several requests, Headquarters has ordered a supply of the large (2½") celluloid buttons. By ordering in large quantity, we got a special price and can now make them available to chapters at \$35.00 per hundred... \$17.50 for fifty. Some chapters are reselling them to members at a profit to raise money for the local treasury. Order a supply of QCWA buttons for your chapter and proudly proclaim your membership. (See order blank on inside back page.)

PALMETTO STATE CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary R.L. "Robbie" Robinson, K4JLM
1706 Afton Avenue; Charleston, SC 29407
On-the-air: Saturdays at 1300 Eastern on 3930 kHz

For those of you unable to attend the luncheon and meeting in Charleston, we are happy to report there were 49 members and guests present. There was time for a get-together, rag-chew and eye-ball session before lunch was served. Friends who had not seen each other for many years were reunited and enjoyed talking of old times and catching up on the news.

Special recognition was given to the 50-Year members present: Charlie Biele, W2AOS/4; Ed Passow, K4CI and Bob David, W4YK. Our guest speaker, Bob David, brought greetings from the Hendersonville Chapter and gave a short review of the Restructuring Committee. He said there would be a full report at the QCWA convention to be held in Houston on October 8-10.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Palmetto State Chapter were hammered out, voted for and approved. We hope to have copies for all members in the near future.

A report was given by the nominating committee presenting the following: President - Wade Holland, W4AXT; 1st V.P. - Tom Dean, W4DAW; 2nd V.P. - Cecil Sills, W4HD0; Sec/Treas - Robbie Robinson, K4JLM; Chaplain - Oran Zaebst, W4HWZ. Additional nominations will be accepted from the members at the next luncheon meeting to be held in the Fall in Columbia area, at which time the election will take place. Date, time and place of the meeting will be announced later.

We have ordered 100 of the large (2") celluloid buttons for our chapter and will let you know when they arrive. A communication from the Executive Secretary, K4LMB contained a number of items of interest. We read with regret of her request to be relieved of the burdens involved with her job. We shall miss her and we all wish her well.

Thanks to McCoy Gunter, W4ULF and his wife Mable for the pictures for our scrapbook. They are a welcome addition and, due to other peoples bad luck and forgetting their cameras, they are the only pictures we have of the meeting.

A good time was had by all at the Camden Picnic held August 1st. Twelve members of the Palmetto State Chapter and their wives were present. The food and company were excellent as always.

Robbie Robinson, K4JLM

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Moe Joffe, W6PHE

7259 Willoughby Ave; Los Angeles, CA 90046

On-the-air: Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 3917 kHz

11:00 a.m. - 3695 CW

Next Meeting: September 11, Odyssey Restaurant in Mission Hills

Our Spring Dinner-meeting at the Yamashiro Restaurant in Hollywood was attended by 184 - a near record. Dave Bell, W6BVN spoke of the necessity of helping CBers upgrade themselves and enter the ranks of Amateur Radio. To complete the evening, a young accordin group played a number of selections for our enjoyment.

Walt Henry, W6ZN and Earl Burdette, W6YYV were on hand to receive their 50-year certificates.



Walt Henry
W6ZN

Archie Willis
W6LPJ



Earl Burdette
W6YYV

President
W6LPJ

Burt Ayers, W6CL reported that the QCWA Exhibit at the ARRL National Convention in Denver was well attended. One of the Charter Members of the QCWA, Frank Frimmerman, W2FZ won the Grand Prize. Our New York-California "commuter," Nat Pfeffer, W2AIM won the Millen Grid Dip Meter; so all in all the QCWAers did fairly well.

In order not to conflict with the National meeting being held in Houston, Texas on October 8th through 10th, our Fall Dinner-meeting will be held on September 11th at the Odyssey Restaurant in Mission Hills. The principle speaker will be former Astronaut Gordon Cooper and possibly Roy Neal of NBC News. Anyone in the Los Angeles area on that day and wishing to attend, please contact W6PHE

Moe Joffe, W6PHE

SUNCOAST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Lowell E. "Lee" Darby, K4GCY
7963 Cove Terrace; Sarasota, FL 33581

This month we give you a little background on our new Secretary for the 1976/1977 Season, Lowell "Lee" Darby, K4GCY.

Lee was born in Ohio, raised and schooled in Indiana, attending Purdue University and graduating with a B.S.E.E. in 1938. After graduation, Lee went to work with the Indiana Michigan Electric Company. While employed there, he joined the Naval Reserve.

Six months before Pearl Harbor, Uncle Sam called Lee and gave him a regular berth in the U.S. Navy. After a short time he was sent to a Naval school for a course in Applied Communications. Lee served in the Navy from April 1941 to April 1971 and retired with the rank of Captain.

His first Ham ticket, W9EMM was issued at South Bend, Ind. While stationed in Germany, he was getting his DX with the call of DL4JE and later when he was transferred to Morocco, he was issued CN8FD, where he erected a quad to build up his DX log.

While serving on the Staff of Admiral "Bull" Halsey and "Lace Curtain" Karney, he met and married "K," the Staff nurse, making the Staff a real family affair. Hi! Hi!

Lee served as President of the Sarasota Amateur Radio Assn. for the year of 1975.

We met Don Bearce, W4SUH at the Sarasota Memorial Hospital parking lot the other day and were surprised to learn that he had undergone an operation about two months ago, at the Doctors Hospital. He spent three weeks there and is now home recuperating. Each morning Don takes his one mile walk for exercise. Keep up the good work, Don and we will be looking for you at the October meeting to help us get the new Season started.



At left is a picture of our 1976/1977 officers. (L - R):
Treasurer Elmer Enke, K4YC;
Secretary Lee Darby, K4GCY;
President Larry Crooker, W4PAT.

Please send me any news of interest to Suncoast Chapter.

Bill Soehl, W4GHR

TENNESSEE VALLEY CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Larry Fralick, W4RQS
802 Noland Blvd, N; Madison, AL 35758

On-the-air: Sunday at 4:00 p.m. CDT on 3900 kHz

October 9, 1:00 p.m., Hickory House Restaurant

If you missed the Sewanee picnic, you really missed a good one. Special thanks to W4ERN and K4ER for their efforts.



The photo above shows president "Bull" Durham, W4HHU, presenting a 60 year certificate to Jack Walthall, W4HW.

I regret to advise of the death of Geo W. Fahrubel, K4DP, who was a charter member of the Tennessee Valley Chapter. He passed away 10 August.

The Tennessee Valley Chapter Net will resume operations the second Sunday in September.

Larry Fralick, W4RQS

STATION APPEARANCE AWARD TO K4QG

Art Monsees, K4QG of St. Petersburg, FL was the winner of Worldradio News "Station Appearance Award," according to an article in the June Worldradio News.

Art does, indeed, have an attractive station. Rows of certificates line the wall and everything is neat and convenient. He has a full KW running the Collins S-line on all the HF bands, a 60' crank-up tower supporting a 3-element triband beam and an inverted "vee" for 40 and 75. Congratulations, Art.

TEXAS GOLDEN TRIANGLE

For Information: Contact Secretary Charles A. Poston, W5M00
P.O. Box 9; Port Arthur, TX 77640

Meetings: First Saturday of each month, Bonanza Steak House

Now lookey here, You'all, this chapter has not expired as indicated in the yearbook!

At High Noon on the first Saturday of each month, we meet to eat in Bonanza Steak House, 4601 Gulfway, Port Arthur, TX. Visiting QCWA members and other Amateurs are always welcome.

At the June meeting, our President, Phil, K5INE, affectionately (?) known as "The Junk Dealer," talked to us from a local hospital where he is recovering from heart surgery. With a Handy Talkie on two meters at his side, we carried on a lively rag chew until the nurses came in to bathe him. Next time we plan to use ATV and catch the whole scene!

Attending this meeting were members and friends from Beaumont, Bridge City, and Port Arthur.

Charles Poston, W5M00

WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Elizabeth Zandonini, W3CDQ
4627 47th Street; Washington, D.C. 20016

Next Meeting: September 29

Peter Hurd, K4NSS, Secretary of the WARC Advisory Committee for Amateur Radio, was the speaker at the June 4 meeting. He gave an excellent vue-graph illustrated presentation on the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference preparations, what the prospects are for Amateur band frequencies, and what we should be doing to improve matters.

He pointed out some surprising facts, such as that many foreign embassies here and in other cities, monitor 2-Meter FM and their countries actions at the Conference may be influenced by the opinions they form. Most of us didn't realize the hours of work, travel, and dedication of many Amateur members on the Committee. Pete was kept busy answering many questions by an interested audience.

Next meeting will be September 29; Perpetual Building, 4701 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Md. Park in the rear after 8:15.

Don McClenon, W3IN

UPPER MIDWEST CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Baldwin Hallaway, WØJD
6101 France Avenue South, Minneapolis 55410

The April meeting held at Tony's M&M Supper Club brought out forty-five members and their guests. The membership elected the following new officers to serve for the coming year:

President: Spero Spiro, W9GW

Vice Pres: Carl Hvamsal, WØLV

Sec/Treas: Baldwin Hallaway, WØJD

A Sixty-year Award was received by Sumner Young, WØCO, who was unable to come to the meeting. Golden Anniversary (50-Year) awards were presented to Larry Norgrant, WBØFO

Joseph Tomczyk, WØDBC

Ray Werke, WØIH

The program for the evening was in two parts: Joe Pavek, WØOEP (Old Empty Pockets) discussed and demonstrated an old-time spark-gap transmitter. He filled in with a tape recording of some actual contacts from those early days. It was obvious that his demonstration brought back fond memories for some of the old timers present.

Gar Anderson, WØKE, Dakota Division ARRL Director discussed the latest ARRL and FCC activities and considerations. Apparently there are to be no sweeping changes as were being considered a year ago in FCC Docket #20282. Judging by the many questions asked, there is still a keen interest in the "happenings" by our chapter members.

As outgoing President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have assisted and participated over the past three years. Congratulations and best wishes to the new officers.

Roy Nordos, WØVSA



WØEBG & Outgoing President WØVSA

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

For Information: Contact Secretary Travis Baird, W9VQD
6815 Ironwood Lane; Milwaukee, WI 53217

On-the-air: Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on 3985 kHz

Monthly luncheons: 2nd Tuesday - Green Bay
3rd Tuesday - Milwaukee

Of an average chapter membership of 125, 67 members and many wives attended our sixth annual Spring luncheon on June 5th at W9VOW's Downtowner Motel in Green Bay. The food and fellowship of over 115 people was enjoyed very much.

The chapter voted to host a QCWA hospitality room at the Central Division ARRL Convention on Friday evening, July 9th at the Red Carpet Inn in Milwaukee. Our two quarter barrels of beer were consumed ere long and the convention sponsors generously provided a matching quantity. About 35 Central Division QCWA members signed in - including Phil Haller, W9HPG, our Central Division Director, and Harry Dannals, W2TUK, ARRL President. Some QCWA members were from as far away as North Carolina, Florida and California. ZLIWE and ZS6KD, plus most of the other conventioners, dropped in for a while.

During the Central Division ARRL Convention, QCWA held a smorgasboard dinner and open house with Milwaukee's best suds on tap. We also manned a QCWA booth and handed out many application blanks.

We are sorry to report the passing of several of our friends during the past four months. Two of the spark plugs who helped form our Wisconsin Chapter have passed on to a higher form of communications: Chester Sakura, W9CTI died of a heart attack December 18, 1975 while a volunteer communications assistant at a missionary hospital in Kenya, East Africa. R.I. "Mac" MacDonald, W9BKD died of lung cancer on May 22 in Green Bay, WI. He was our second President of the Wisconsin Chapter - 1972 - 73. He had been our Membership Chairman and Corresponding Secretary. We have also lost George W. Fields, W9WWL, Milwaukee; Henry I. Palmer, W9BQM, Fond du Lac; and Joseph J. Dzidzan, W9SQL, Milwaukee.

Don't forget the two monthly luncheons. All Amateurs are invited, but a special invitation is extended to QCWA members. Our annual Fall meeting will be held on October 2nd at the Holiday Inn East in Madison at 12:00 Noon.

J. Travis Baird, W9VQD

Please let Headquarters know whenever you have any complaints. Space is provided for your convenience in the box at right. ☐

QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an Amateur Radio license at least 25 years ago and must, at the time of applying, hold a valid Amateur license. Proof of eligibility must be shown. Headquarters has a library of old call books which will provide proof in most cases.

An Entry Fee of \$3 is charged for initial membership. Dues in the amount of \$10 for three years are payable in advance with the application. Life membership may be obtained for \$50 plus Entry Fee. Time payment on Life membership is also available: Three payments within 1 year - \$25, \$15, \$10.

CERTIFICATES

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, numbered in chronological order, are issued to each new member. Blue certificates and membership cards are issued to regular members; Gold certificates and membership cards are issued to Life Members. Stickers are available to update new calls, etc. Replacement certificates may be obtained for 50¢.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued, upon request and proof of eligibility, to those who have completed 50 years in Amateur Radio. Decals are issued for each additional 2 years. Replacement of Golden Anniversary certificate costs \$1.00.

50 YEARS CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED certificates are issued to QCWA members whose calls appear in all issues of the call book since 1926. There is a \$1.00 charge for this certificate.

60th ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued to those who have completed 60 years in Amateur Radio.

QCWA WORKED ALL STATES certificates are issued to QCWA members who submit proof of working QCWA members in all 50 states of the U.S.

WORKED 100 QCWA. An Operating Award is issued to QCWA members who submit proof of working 100 QCWA members

WORKED 60 QCWA CHAPTERS certificates are issued for contacting members of 60 different QCWA Chapters. Proof must be submitted.

QCWA QSO PARTY. A Bronze plaque is rotated to the winner of each annual QCWA QSO Party. The winner of three consecutive QSO Parties is entitled to keep the plaque permanently. Certificates are also issued to the top three chapters with highest aggregate scores in the annual QCWA QSO Party.

QCWA SUPPLIES

The following supplies may be purchased for QCWA members.

QCWA Alpha-by-Name Directory	\$3.00
QCWA Lapel Pin - Gold plated, with call engraved.....	\$3.00
Clutch pin, pin clasp or screw button styles	
QCWA 50-year lapel pin. (Clutch pin style only).....	\$4.00
QCWA 60-year lapel pin. (Clutch pin style only).....	\$4.00
Blazer Emblem. 4" embroidered patch with QCWA Logo.....	\$3.00
500 Red QCWA Stamps - for Regular Members.....	\$1.75
500 Yellow stamps - for Life Members	\$1.75
400 Stamps imprinted "50 Years in Amateur Radio."	\$2.00
Logo Rubber stamp (1½ inch)	\$3.50
QCWA Auto Decal (4 inch).....	.25
50 QCWA 2" Celluloid Buttons. Blue letters on yellow...	\$17.50
Chapter Banners * 2½ x 4 foot Storm King Cotton	\$30.00
(\$60 cost shared by Headquarters.)	
* Free to Chapters having 50 or more members. -----	

QCWA supplies may be ordered as gifts for QCWA members who meet appropriate qualifications.

QCWA HEADQUARTERS 2012 Rockingham Street McLean, Virginia 22101		Date _____
Please send the following QCWA supplies as indicated:		
	\$	
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Total enclosed		\$ _____
Please enclose gift card saying _____ _____		
Send to:	Name _____	Call _____
Address	QCWA # _____	
		Zip _____
Signed _____		



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Sundays 2100 UTC - 14,345 kHz SSB

Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Eastern - 7035 kHz CW

9:00 p.m. Eastern - 3750 kHz CW

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